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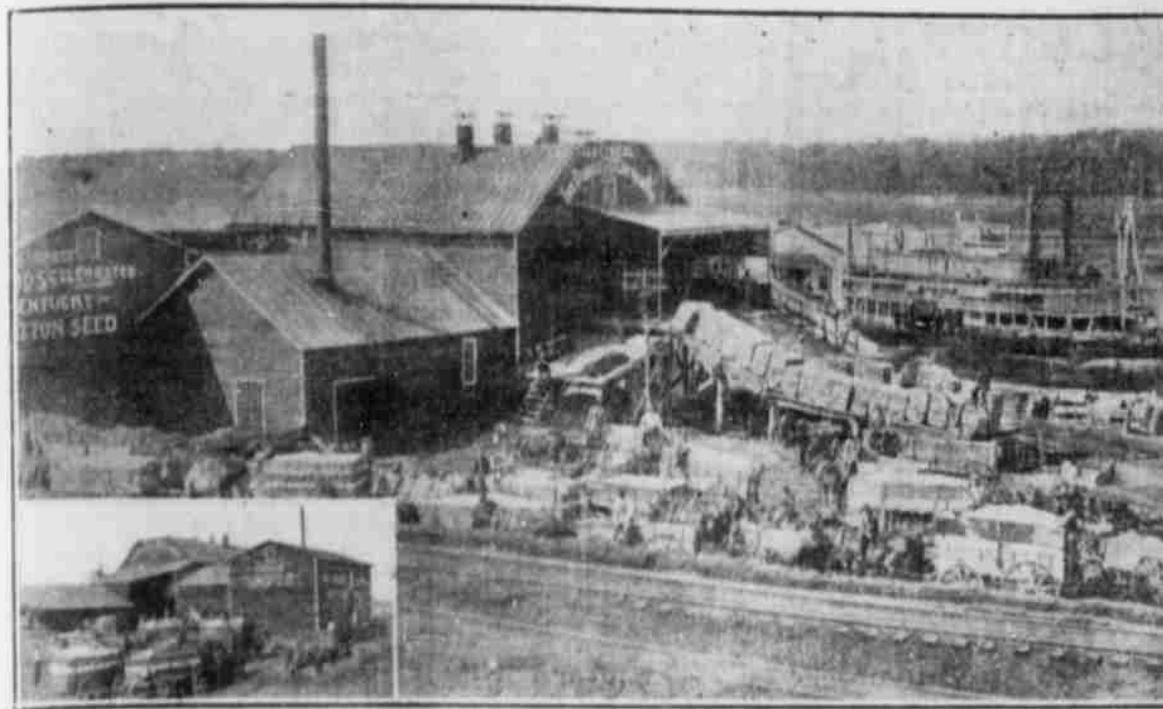
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One of Hickman's Lively Industrial Scenes

This Gin Pays Out Over \$10,000 a Day.



The above is a picture of the new Syd. L. Dodds Electrical Cotton Gin—home of the famous Hickman Kentucky Cotton Seed. This is the youngest of the four gin houses at Hickman, and is located on the old flouring mill site. It is the only gin in the State equipped with steam and electric power, and with a large capacity—two unloading "scales" and twin scales—oftentimes it is impossible to unload all the wagons the same day they arrive. Some idea of their operations can be had from the fact that they pay out from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a day. This plant runs about 16 hours out of 24. In addition to the regular run of gin work, a big annex, equipped with cleaners, etc., is used for sorting and sacking the four brands of cotton seed, which is usually distributed all over the South for planting purposes. Mr. Dodds can be accused of possessing a hobby, then it is the seed business. His seed development is the result of probably ten years breeding and experiments. He has succeeded in producing a very long staple—a thing almost impossible this far north until he selected a long staple southern variety. Now this seed is in demand throughout the South, owing to its early opening tendency, which "gets the ball weevil's goat." In fact, he cannot supply the demand. All of this brings money into Hickman—hence, the Dodds Electrical Gin is an enterprise that contributes to our commercial welfare in two ways—paying vast sums to our planters and bringing in a big bunch of outside capital.

MISSES NEWTON HURT IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK.

Miss Bettie Newton suffered a dislocated hip and bruises about the body and Miss Florence Newton was painfully bruised on the head, as a result of an automobile accident, which occurred about twelve Sunday evening on the Paducah-Memphis highway a mile and a half this side of Union City. The young ladies, accompanied by John Kirk, the driver of the car, and Frank Hilliard, were out driving and going to Union City. It seems the lights on their car were working badly or not at all when they met another car, the headlights of which blinded Mr. Kirk. In an attempt to turn out, to run his car into the ditch, and so was thrown out. People in the passing car observed the accident, stopped and carried the injured ladies to Union City for medical treatment.

Miss Florence was able to return home the next day, but Miss Bettie remained at the D. & S. Hospital for further treatment. She is getting along as well as could be hoped for, considering her injuries.

The Misses Newton are daughters of Mrs. C. Newton, the East Hickman merchant. The young men are also Hickman boys.

A few days in Kentucky will be Saturday, 12. School houses, front yards, public roads and pastures should be beautified with trees. Our natural forests are diminishing, and we must not only save what is left of the forests, but we must reforest the hollows, the burnt-over and the unforested districts of the State.

Rev. G. M. McNeely will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 7th. All church members and the public are invited to attend those services. A business meeting will be held after the evening service.

If a woman stops a man on the street and he doesn't tip his hat and doesn't grin and seem pleased to see her, it is a safe bet that they are husband and wife.

For the higher education of Masonic orphans a trust fund of \$150,000 was created by the Kentucky Lodge of Masons.

H. J. Moorman, Common Wealth Attorney, of Mayfield, was here on business Monday.

Miss Mary Helm has returned from a three weeks visit with friends in St. Louis.

RUSSELL AND BARKLEY SPEAK AT HICKMAN.

Last but not least was the winding up the whirlwind campaign in Hickman Saturday night, when Hon. Joe Russell, of Missouri, and Congressman Alben Barkley, of Kentucky, delivered addresses in behalf of the Democracy of Fulton county. Both men made eloquent and urgent appeals to the voters. When they finished, metaphorically speaking, nothing was left but the hide and tail of the Republican party. The spotlight was turned on the Republican party platform—but nothing could be found in it.

Good crowds greeted the orators and applause was frequent and vigorous.

City Attorney T. R. Powell did himself proud in introducing the speakers. But, Tom just can't help it.

Following our two visitors, County Judge Stahr made a short talk in behalf of the band issue for better fire-fighting equipment.

All the speakers were given a surprise hearing, notwithstanding the fact that the rally was held in the open and no seats provided.

Bela Pigue was called to Hickman with his blood hounds Saturday night at midnight and returned home Sunday night about two o'clock. The result of the chase is not known. Mr. Pigue's best blood hound came home from Hickman sick with diphtheria.—Fulton Leader.

Mrs. C. B. Gregory, Miss Mary Gregory, Misses Pauline Williams, Gladys Underwood and Latrice McDowell and Carl Wade, of Fulton, motored over to Hickman Thursday and were guests of Mrs. W. P. Skinner.

Several of our enterprising teachers are having ribbon banners printed today for their scholars to wear at the school fair next Saturday. Every school should have them.

Hallowe'en pranksters were busy soaping windows and playing tricks Saturday night. Some of the windows look better since the soaping.

Mrs. Lawrence McMakin returned the latter part of last week from a visit with home folks at Trezevant, Tenn.

Mr. Pickering, of the Mengel Box Co., of Louisville, was here the latter part of last week on business.

County School Notes

By Miss Virginia Laten
County Supt.

The Fulton band has been engaged to play for the School Fair. Don't forget that the parade begins at ten o'clock. Be on time. Rural schools will find their places in the parade according to the division and district number, and graded schools according to their size which is determined by the school census. High school pupils from Hickman, Fulton, Crittenden, Jordan and Sylvan Shade will lead the parade. Those who will not have the opportunity to see the exhibit on Saturday may see it on Friday afternoon, if they like, by coming by the court house after the work is all arranged. The exhibit will not be open on Saturday morning until after the articles have been judged.

W. H. Treas has added one dollar to the prize list for the school fair since our last notice of same.

November 12th is arbor day. We hope that several of our schools will celebrate this day by planting some much needed shade trees. Won't some of the patrons volunteer to assist the school in getting some suitable trees?

The following grades were made by the pupils of Palestine school which is taught by Miss Era Pewitt:

Eighth Grade.

Mason Davidson	93.2
Dixon Davidson	95.1
Gertrude Woodrow	91.8
Pauline Pewitt	97.3

Seventh Grade.

Katherine Browder	87.3
Mary Kate Pewitt	85.2
Julius Mackey	74.4

Sixth Grade.

Mildred Browder	97.3
Thomas Browder	92.5
Mabel Wade	91.2
Alma Ritter	91.2

Fifth Grade.

Marian Wright	90.4
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Fourth Grade.

Dorothy Drysdale	98.3
Mignon Pewitt	90.8

Third Grade.

Thelma Woodrow	90
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SYSTEM IS NEEDED.

The Police Court is the only department in the city that has an absolutely up-to-date bookkeeping system. Judge Amberg's example should be followed in every department. January 1st would be a good time to inaugurate SYSTEM from one end to the other of the city's business. No city in the State is in a better financial condition than Hickman. With splendid resources we find out credit impaired—out standing warrants being discounted, etc. The city ought to borrow a little money and pay its small accounts—and make its warrants payable in numerical order as issued. It would be much cheaper for the city to pay 6 or 8 per cent on borrowed money than to pay 10 per cent extra on account of discounts, to say nothing of the satisfaction to be had by paying its bills promptly. But, as we said before, it requires system to do this.

Elections are over for a few weeks, anyhow.

SATURDAY BUSY DAY.

There were more people in town Saturday than any one day before in about two years, excepting July 4th, 1914. Pretty weather, enabling the farmers to get out cotton and corn, was probably the cause, as around \$5,000 was paid out that day for these two commodities. Of course business was good in all times, and advertising, hustling merchants had more trade than they could well wait on. It is noticeable that old accounts are being rapidly paid up and folks are beginning to again find themselves with some surplus cash in their jeans. The out look for a big winter business is exceptionally good.

C. C. All, while working on the new Rosco Stone residence, Saturday, split his hand with a rip saw and will be unable to work for some time.

Rev. Gordon, pastor of the Baptist church of Clinton, was in Hickman Monday.

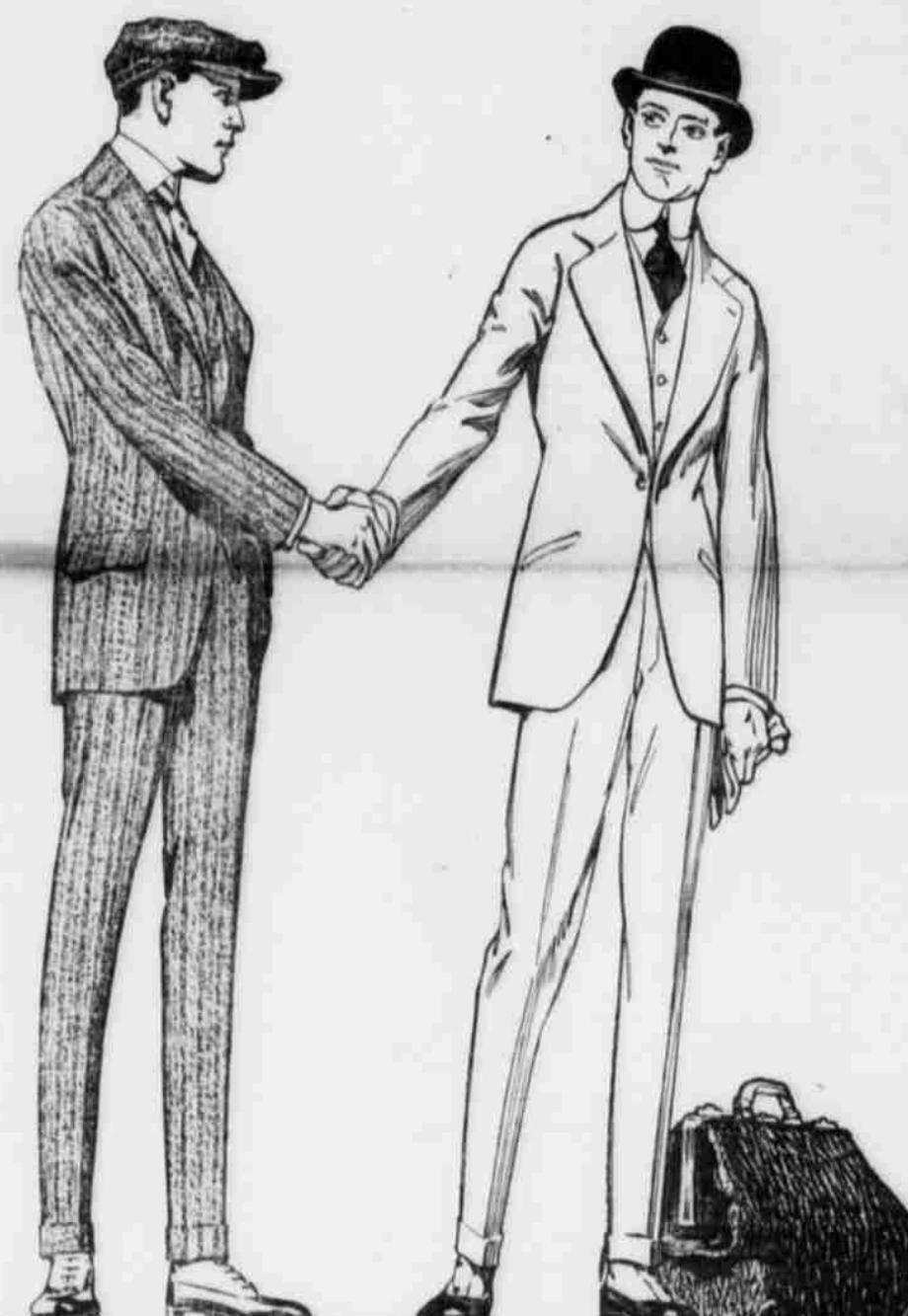
NO TOWN ELECTION.

There will be no election held for town offices in the towns of Berkley and Arlington this year because of the fact that no list of candidates was presented to the county clerk to be certified to fifteen days before election, which is required by law.—Arlington Courier.

The same thing came near happening in Hickman; the lists were drawn up at the eleventh hour.

Robert C. Crow, former postmaster at Caruthersville, has been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Cape Girardeau on a charge of violating the civil service laws by giving his brother the questions used in a civil service examination prior to the holding of the examination. His half-brother has been indicted on a similar charge.

When they are first married she calls it her lingerie. In about a year she calls it her underwear. And five years later she calls the things by their real names.



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